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Examiner: Schnizer

Entitled: **Stabilized Aptamers To Platelet Derived Growth Factor And Their Use
As Oncology Therapeutics**

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION
MAILED AUGUST 24, 2006**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed on August 24, 2006 please enter the instant correspondence, in the prosecution of the patent application captioned above, and amend this same application as follows. Filed herewith is a "Petition For A Four Month Extension of Time" [as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)] along with the requisite fee.

Amendment To The Claims: begin on page two of this paper.

Remarks: begin on page twelve of this paper.